

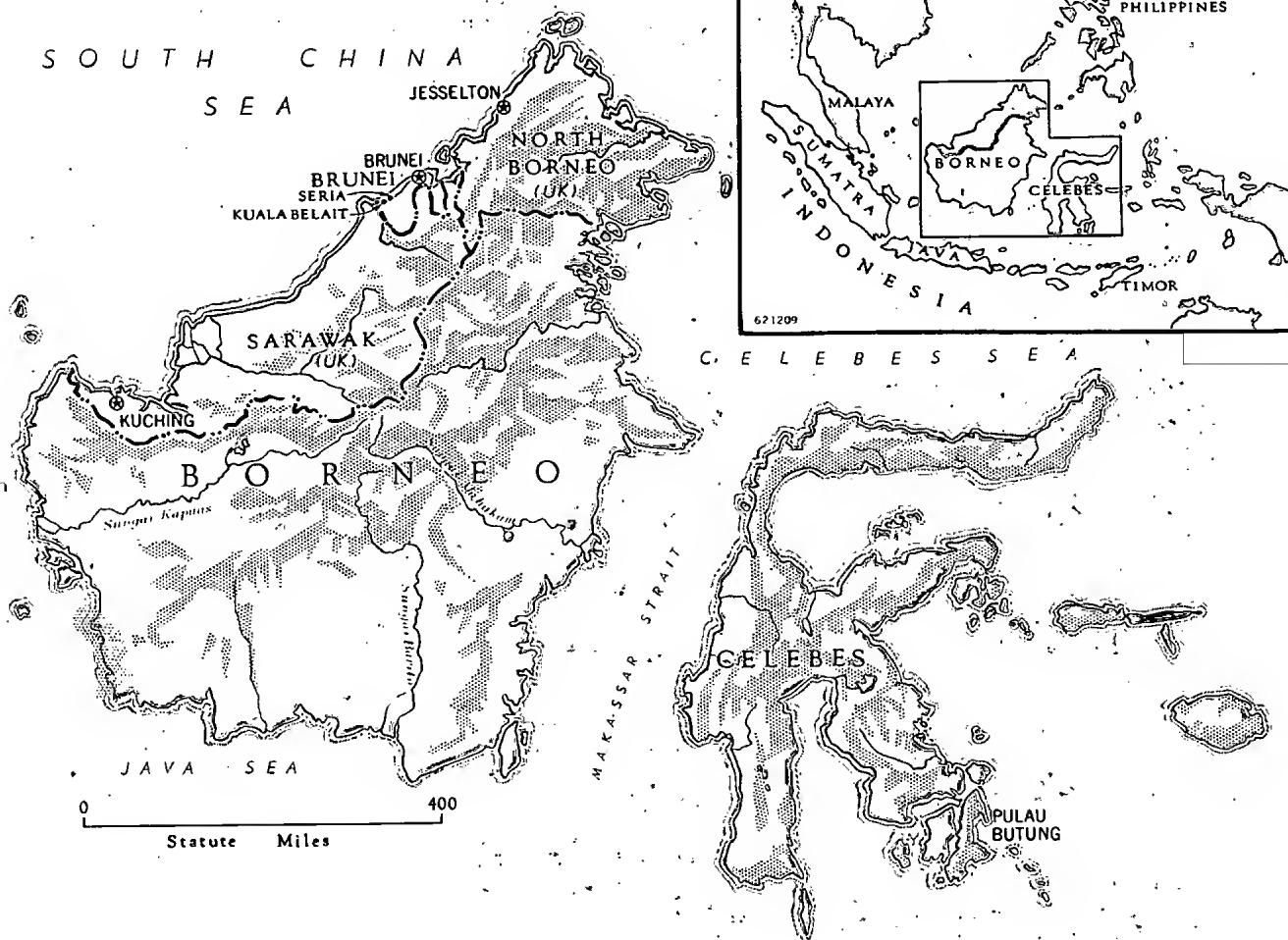
THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST



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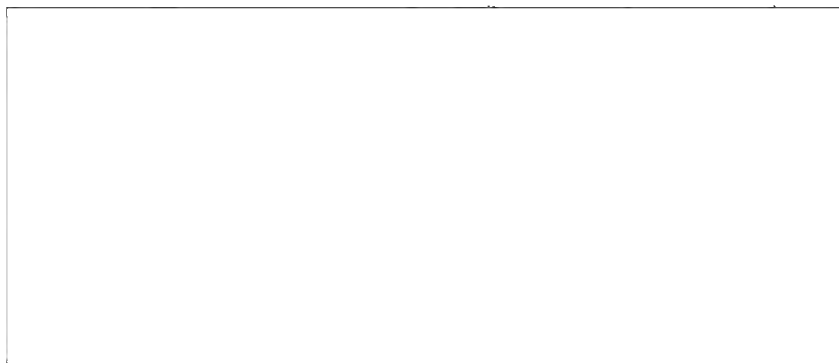
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1. Brunei



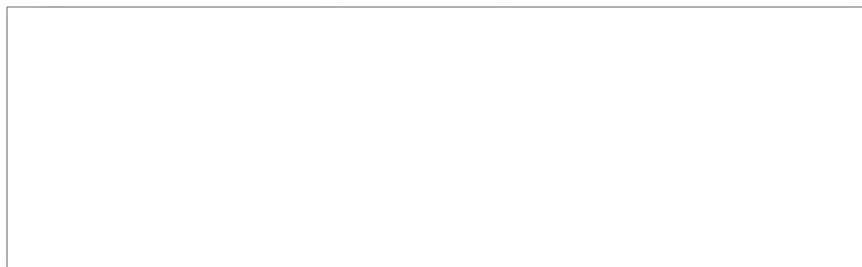
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c. Though the revolt itself is fading, its repercussions will be felt for some time.

d. There is danger it may cause a breakup in the Southeast Asia Association (Malaya, Thailand and Philippines). Malaya has recalled its ambassador from Manila and Prime Minister Rahman, not impressed by Manila's hollow disclaimer, is considering breaking relations.

e. The Indonesians are somewhat less coy about their sympathy for the rebels, Sukarno having announced publicly on Monday that the rebels' struggle for freedom will succeed.

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g. While the two countries have the common objective of blocking the Malaysia plan, their respective claims to North Borneo conflict.

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2. Congo

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b. Some reorganization of the government as a sop to the opposition is under way.

c. Yesterday, through joint action with the UN, the government succeeded in preventing a number of opposition Parliament members from going to Elisabethville to work out a successor government with Tshombé.

d. It is clear from Consul Dean's talk with Tshombé yesterday that Tshombé had counted heavily on this delegation.

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Tshombé obviously continues to believe that by remaining uncooperative he can bring about Adoula's downfall.

e. We are awaiting Tshombé's reaction to Spaak's letter advising him of Union Minière's decision to pay its foreign exchange earnings to the monetary council in Leopoldville. U Thant may have crossed some wires by announcing, meanwhile, that he has requested a boycott of Katangan minerals.

f. The UN force in the Congo is planning to give Tshombé an ultimatum to allow it freedom of movement in Katanga and to release four Tunisian soldiers now held in jail by this weekend.

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3. Sino-Soviet dispute

a. The Soviets have moved one step closer to an open break with the Chinese by publishing in Pravda excerpts from recent speeches by Togliatti and Novotny in which both openly and by name criticize the Chinese for their support of Albania.

b. In Communist protocol, the next step will be for the Soviets to name the Chinese themselves.

c. There are signs that Moscow is attempting to bring the North Koreans, who have been leaning toward Peiping, back into line.

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d. A high-level North Korean military delegation, which has been in Moscow recently, went straight home without stopping in Peiping, as has been customary.

e. We imagine the Soviets are reminding the Koreans of a clause in their mutual Defense Treaty which asserts that both parties will "remain intolerant of... backsliding from the principles of socialist internationalism."

4. Cuba

a. Cuban spokesmen are beginning to talk more openly than before the October crisis of Cuban support for insurrectionist movements in the rest of Latin America.

b. Since late November Che Guevara and Education Minister Armando Hart have taken the lead in proclaiming that insurrection is the only road to "liberation" for the Latin Americans.

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5. India-China

a. Following Monday's opening public session, the representatives of the six nations forgathered at Colombo have settled into closed session, evidently to wrangle over a proposed UAR compromise whereby Indian forces would withdraw behind the November 1959 line demanded by the Chinese and Chinese forces

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would withdraw behind the September 1962 line demanded by India. A buffer zone would be set up in between.

b. It is a good compromise only in the sense that neither party will agree to it; also each party has its own version of the 1959 line.

c. Peiping has again charged India with deliberately sabotaging the cease-fire, this time by an aircraft intruding over Tibet. The toughly worded protest and accompanying propaganda look like groundwork for justifying resumed hostilities if and when Peiping so decides.

6. Yemen

a. The military situation is not significantly changed. See-saw fighting goes on in the north, but the regime in Sana appears to exercise effective control over much of the country.

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b. Six more Soviet cargo planes from Moscow delivered equipment to Cairo this past weekend.

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7. Iraq.

a. Plotting against Qasim by both Baath nationalists and Hashemite royalists is--yet again--well advanced.

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b. One problem has been that the Baathists who have a better chance of success, have been waiting for a royalist assassination of Qasim.

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c. We have reported plots against Qasim before and he is still around. Qasim's prestige is at a new low, however, and the current plans are unusually circumstantial. The Baath has in fact held rehearsals.

d. On the other hand, the Baathists do not have a good record for keeping coup plans secret; if we know of this one, Qasim's security apparatus probably does too.

NOTES

- A. Haiti-Dominican Republic Haitian President Duvalier has ignored our demarche of 3 December which urged he not allow a member of the Trujillo family to come to Haiti.

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- B. West Germany Bonn probably will reverse itself this week and embargo the planned shipment of 200,000 tons of large pipe to the USSR, but its ability to hold to the new position will depend greatly on how well such an embargo is observed by other NATO countries.

- C. USSR Moscow has declared an area in the Kara and Barents seas (including Novaya Zemlya) dangerous for all shipping from 15 until 25 December. The Northern Fleet, it says, will hold exercises there jointly with rocket and air forces.

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- D. Argentina The vest-pocket revolt of ousted air force commander Alsina yesterday quickly came to nought. Some implicated naval heads are rolling in the aftermath

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- E. Syria-Israel Neither side is backing down on the question of Israeli activities in the Demilitarized Zone. If the Syrians again open fire as they did last week, we would expect a major Israeli retaliatory raid.